

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1197

Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon

February 22, 2005

An act to add Part 3 (commencing with Section 23000) to Division 9 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to aviation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1197, as introduced, Gordon. Aviation: Southern California Regional Aviation Commission.

The State Aeronautics Act governs the creation and operation of airports in this state.

This bill would establish the Southern California Regional Aviation Commission with responsibility for the development of strategies and policies to be employed by state and local governmental entities to facilitate the regional distribution of aviation services to existing airports throughout southern California, as provided in the aviation component of the Southern California Regional Transportation Plan and responsibility for providing independent policy analyses and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor consistent with these duties. The bill's operation would be contingent upon state funding in the annual Budget Act or another statute.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Part 3 (commencing with Section 23000) is
- 2 added to Division 9 of the Public Utilities Code, to read:

1 PART 3. REGIONAL AVIATION COMMISSIONS

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3 Article 1. Southern California Regional Aviation
4 Commission.
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6 23000. For purposes of this article, the following terms have
7 the following meanings:

8 (a) “Airport” means an airport in southern California regularly
9 serving an air carrier holding a certificate issued by the United
10 States Secretary of Transportation.

11 (b) “Commission” means the Southern California Regional
12 Aviation Commission.

13 (c) “Director” means the Director of Transportation.

14 23001. (a) There is hereby created the Southern California
15 Regional Aviation Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature
16 that the Southern California Regional Aviation Commission be
17 responsible for the development of strategies and policies to be
18 employed by state and local governmental entities to facilitate the
19 regional distribution of aviation services to existing airports
20 throughout southern California, as provided in the aviation
21 component of the Southern California Regional Transportation
22 Plan and for providing independent policy analyses and
23 recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor consistent
24 with these duties.

25 (b) The commission shall be composed of the following
26 members:

27 (1) One representative of the City of Los Angeles, chosen by
28 the city council.

29 (2) One representative of the City of Ontario, chosen by the
30 city council.

31 (3) One representative of the County of Los Angeles, chosen
32 by the board of supervisors.

33 (4) One representative of the County of San Bernardino,
34 chosen by the board of supervisors.

35 (5) One representative of the County of Riverside, chosen by
36 the board of supervisors.

37 (6) One representative of the County of Orange, chosen by the
38 board of supervisors.

1 (7) One representative of the Los Angeles County
2 Transportation Commission, chosen by a majority of the voting
3 members of the commission.

4 (8) One representative of the San Bernardino Association of
5 Governments, chosen by a majority of the members.

6 (9) One representative of the Riverside County Transportation
7 Commission, chosen by a majority of the voting members of the
8 commission.

9 (10) One representative of the Orange County Transportation
10 Commission, chosen by a majority of the voting members of the
11 commission.

12 (11) One nonvoting member appointed by the executive
13 committee of the Southern California Association of
14 Governments.

15 (12) One nonvoting member appointed by the membership of
16 the Southern California Regional Rail Authority joint powers
17 authority that operates the commuter rail network known as
18 Metrolink.

19 (13) One nonvoting member appointed by the director.

20 (c) The commission members shall serve at the pleasure of
21 their respective appointing authorities. The respective appointing
22 authority may appoint an alternate for each member who may,
23 during the member's absence, serve on the commission and vote
24 on matters before the commission on those matters where the
25 member has a vote.

26 (d) The commission shall, until a chair is selected pursuant to
27 subdivision (e), convene upon the call of the director.

28 (e) The commission shall select a chair from among its
29 members. The chair shall hold office for a term of one year and
30 may be selected to successive terms. Upon selection of a chair,
31 the commission shall convene upon the call of the chair.

32 23002. (a) The commission shall develop strategies and
33 policies to be employed by state and local governmental entities
34 to facilitate the regional distribution of aviation services to
35 existing airports, as provided in the aviation component of the
36 Southern California Regional Transportation Plan, and shall
37 provide independent policy analyses and recommendations to the
38 Legislature and the Governor.

(b) The commission shall develop strategies and policies and conduct analyses and make recommendations as to all of the following:

(1) Measures to facilitate ground access, both passenger and cargo, to every airport.

(2) Measures to facilitate the development of high-speed railroad connections between all airports and population centers, to encourage rail-to-airport travel for both passengers and cargo.

(3) Measures to rationalize the distribution of aviation services between all airports, to ensure the availability of aviation services throughout southern California, including the setting of landing and other fees.

(4) Measures to facilitate the timely and efficient building of airport infrastructure sufficient to service anticipated demand for both cargo and passenger air travel.

(5) Measures to provide incentives to encourage air carriers providing passenger or cargo service to locate to regional southern California airports.

(6) Measures to improve the coordination of operations between airports.

(7) Measures that expand financing options for the development of regional airports and ground access infrastructure to service those airports.

(8) Measures to reduce negative environmental impacts resulting from aviation activities.

(c) The commission shall conduct analyses and make recommendations relative to the need for an ongoing regional aviation authority for southern California, its mission, composition, and authority.

(d) The commission shall not develop strategies and policies or conduct analyses and make recommendations relative to the development of new airports in southern California.

23003. (a) The commission shall meet, as often as the chair deems it necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

(b) The commission shall prescribe rules for the transaction of its own affairs, subject to both of the following requirements:

(1) The votes of all voting members shall be recorded.

(2) Effective action shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of all the duly appointed voting members of the commission, not including vacant commission seats.

1 23004. The commission shall have power to require every
2 airport to submit data necessary to carry out its duties and
3 responsibilities and the director may exercise all powers and
4 authority granted the director to assist the commission.

5 23005. Each member of the commission shall receive a
6 stipend of fifty dollars (\$50) for each day in which he or she
7 attends any meeting of the commission or any meeting of any
8 committee or subcommittee of the commission, of which
9 committee or subcommittee he or she is a member, and which
10 committee or subcommittee meeting is conducted for the purpose
11 of carrying out the powers and duties of the commission and, in
12 addition, shall receive his or her actual and necessary traveling
13 expenses incurred in the course of his or her duties.

14 23006. (a) The Department of Transportation shall prepare a
15 budget for the commission and be responsible for allocations.

16 (b) Funding for the commission shall be contributed in equal
17 proportions by the entities having voting members on the
18 commission, with a matching allocation from the Department of
19 Transportation. No member shall have voting participation on the
20 commission unless the entity appointing the member has made its
21 funding contribution.

22 (c) This article shall operate only during periods for which the
23 Legislature has appropriated funds therefore in the annual Budget
24 Act or another statute, as determined by the director.